Roadmap for India's energy security

1385. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Planning Commission's Energy Policy Committee has prepared a roadmap for India's energy security;

(b) if so, what are the salient features of the policy; and

(c) what plans Government have to optimize various fuel resources in this age of dwindling energy resources?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) to (c) An Expert Committee has been constituted under the Chairmanship of Member (Energy), Planning Commission vide Planning Commission Order dated 12th August, 2004 to prepare an integrated energy policy linked with sustainable development that covers all sources of energy and addresses all aspects including energy security, access and availability, affordability and pricing, efficiency and environment. The Expert Committee is expected to submit its report within six months from the date of its constitution.

LNG for Dabhol Power Project

1386. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering LNG as the feedstock for the Dabhol Power Project for cost effective power generation;

(b) if so, whether Government would attempt to reclaim the LNG supply contract concluded between Enron Corporation and Government of Oman for import of LNG from Oman;

(c) whether the Gas Authority of India Ltd. is also scouting independently for LNG supplies from abroad for the Dabhol Power Project; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) to (d) An empowered Group of Ministers has been set up to examine and decide all issues related to the Dabhol Power Project.

Allocation of funds to States under APDRP

1387. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP) launched by Government to improve power situation in various States have run into trouble;